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SUBJECT: ASHVILLE CLASS PATROL GUNBOATS

1. ON AUGUST 23 THE THAI EMBASSY LEFT WITH THE DEPARTMENT
ON AIDE-MEMOIRE ON POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF USN ASHVILLE CLASS
PATROL GUNBOATS TO THE RTG. ACCORDING TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE,
THE RTG HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THESE VESSELS MIGHT
BE DOWNGRADED ABOUT THE END OF 1977 AND PERHAPS BECOME
AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO THE NAVIES OF ALLIED NATIONS.
SINCE RTN ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE FISCAL
YEARS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1974, INCLUDE ACQUISITION OF
FIVE PATROL GUNBOATS, THE RTG HOPED THE USG WOULD KEEP THE
RTN IN MIND SHOULD WE INDEED BE PLANNING TO TRANSFER THE
VESSELS.

2. MINISTER-COUNSELOR SUTHI AND NAVAL ATTACHE KASEM WERE
INFORMED THAT THE USN CURRENTLY HAS NO PLANS TO TRANSFER
THE GUNBOATS TO FOREIGN NAVIES ALTHOUGH IT WAS POSSIBLE
THAT THE VESSELS WOULD BE DOWNGRADED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW
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YEARS. THEY WERE ALSO TOLD THAT RTG INTEREST IN THE

VESSELS WOULD CONVEYED TO ALL CONCERNED IN THE EVENT IT
SHOULD BE DECIDED SUBSEQUENTLY TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FOR
TRANSFER. COPIES OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE HAVE BEEN PASSED TO
DOD AND POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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